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PAYROLL SERVICE AND METHOD )  
THEREOF )

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Dear Sir,

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 2, 2004, in the above-styled patent application, please amend the application as indicated and consider the appended remarks. Please find enclosed Amendments to the Claims, including Status of All Claims, a request for a one-month extension of time, and a check for all appropriate fees.

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